

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands

## Graduation Pacific-style

### Class of 2002 receives diplomas, new goals

KW Hillis

Feature Writer

Lessons taught by teachers, parents and events over the years, especially two tragic events in the last year — September 11 and the loss of underclassman Stachel Lojkar — have shaped the class of 2002, according to valedictorian Spencer Mawhar during graduation on Friday evening.

"On Sept. 11, 2001 we were taught, many of us for the first time, how to deal with tragedy and death ... We saw that there are those of us who can dig deep within ourselves and find bravery and heroism," he said to the 15 blue-robed men and 10 white-robed women behind him and to the standing-room-only audience.

"More recently, the loss of a dear friend impacted the entire school. We realized our quiet friend, Stachel, had crept into all our hearts and changed us for the better. When he



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Kristy Lamug dances to "Mele A Ku Pu'uwai" by Keali'i Reichel during graduation ceremonies Friday night at the MP room.

was gone, it made everyone stop and wonder whether ... we were as good a person as we could be?

"Knowledge means nothing without communication," Mawhar said. "Remem-

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(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

### French crew wins match, friends

Kwajalein All-Star soccer player Dave Copeland races by *Prairie* player Manu Perreti during Thursday night's game against the visiting French sailors. The *Prairie* crew won the game, 4-2, as well as the crowd's approval. See page 4 for more photos. See back page for details on the ship.

## Diver rescued on Carlos after current sweeps him away

By Peter Rejcek

Associate Editor

Kevin Smith had been diving in South Pass twice since he came here TDY in late March.

But he had never experienced the sort of current that swept him away from his B-boat Friday morning.

"As soon as I hit the water, I knew something was wrong," Smith said during a phone interview Saturday morning, recuperating from a severe sunburn and dehydration. "There was no fighting the current."

Officials say Smith and his dive buddy, Glenn Mingoa, both Army sergeants here TDY for range missions, are lucky to be alive after becoming separated from their dive boat in a powerful three-knot current.

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## Editorial

# All good things must come to an end and begin again

All good things must end.

From my perspective, the opportunity to command here has been a good thing. Sheila and I consider it an honor and a privilege to have led and served this community (although some would question my use of the word "lead").

We had town halls scheduled for April ... then May ... then June ... but given the current mission schedule and the fact that Ms. Debbie Webber reminds me everyday that my calendar is filled eight days a week, I'll use this format to share information and my thoughts with you until I leave in July.

The answers to the most asked questions from the community are: The change of command is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, and my next assignment is the Army Test and Evaluation Command, in Alexandria, Va. Right now, I plan to stay another 14 to 16 months on active duty, then retire. Jim Bennett has offered me a job writing headlines for *The Hourglass*, with no pay ... but he'll make sure I get one of those *Hooah* certificates from the commander. I may take him up on it.

As I said earlier, all good things must come to an end. This was driven home to me in March when a headline on the front page of this newspaper read, "Brown to become 21st USAKA commander." That's when it hit me. That was a turning point. That was an important visit because I



want to foster a smooth transition for both Col. Jerry Brown and this community, for a couple of reasons.

The primary reason is the command's Strategic Vision — *to make USAKA/RTS an affordable source for high quality missile system testing, space operations, and space surveillance.* Unless Col. Brown is convinced that's the way to go, the command is headed for another change at a time when there's already enough angst with the contract rebid and other issues.

So, to have Col. Brown visit the command in Huntsville and Virginia, Kwajalein, MIT and the customers, postures him to hit the ground running with a good and solid base of knowledge of the organization.

Keep in mind he has 24 years of service as an Army officer. He was selected for this command because he has proven his ability to lead at various levels. And, he will bring a leadership style that has made him successful in previous jobs. I ask all of you to recognize that ... and also recognize that about 60 days after his arrival, he will

be comfortable with where he wants to take this organization. Support him.

Again, good things end and begin again ... and an organization has only *one* commander. This good experience soon ends for me but begins for Col. Brown, and begins again for you — the community. Don't bore him with, "the previous commander (*whatever*)."

Wait and gauge him by his concerns and actions. But, I'm not gone yet. I still have 60 days and you'd be amazed at what I can accomplish in 60 days. I have a couple of TDY trips, we're still trying to expand the bandwidth, we have bumper-to-bumper missions, the Army Birthday Ball, Fourth of July, and we're going to kick off a serious recycling campaign ... so we're going to be busy. If you have a good idea, stop me on the street. Meanwhile, thanks for your support. I know you're with me. You have been from the start.

And finally, I have a very big favor to ask. Sheila and I have many cherished memories and mementoes from all over Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, as well as other countries from past tours. We also have a definite weight allowance and we have a lot of stuff. (I should say *Sheila* has a lot of stuff. I only have uniforms ... and a few jazz CDs!) And, now we're looking at a short season of farewell parties. Please don't be offended

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## Buckminster and Friends — By Sabrina Mumma



# TDY diver OK after five-hour ordeal at sea ...

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The incident began around 10:45 a.m., when the divers dropped anchor in the pass, just south of the green marker buoy, according to Bruce Bell, CIS site manager. They had originally planned to dive on Troy's Coral Head, a popular shark dive northeast of Carlson Island, but they couldn't locate the coral head and opted to do a wall dive instead.

That turned out to be a bad idea, for as soon as both divers dropped into the water, they were quickly swept away from the boat, Bell said.

Mingoa, the stronger swimmer of the two, was able to make his way to the green buoy, where he held on until a Marshallese fishing boat spotted him and picked him up, according to Bell. Meanwhile, Smith was swept farther away.

The Marshallese fishing boat didn't have a radio on board, but the fishermen returned Mingoa to his boat, where he radioed for help, sometime around 12:30 p.m.

"He hadn't had contact with his buddy for a long time," Bell said. Disoriented and in shock, Mingoa was unable to relay his exact position. And since the original float plan had not been changed from Troy's Coral Head to the west reef at South Pass, rescuers originally believed the incident had occurred at Troy's.

"At this point, we were afraid it would be a recovery mission," Bell said.

At the height of the rescue operation, three police boats and the *Jelang K*, as well as volunteers manning seven B-boats and a private boat, were on the water, Bell said.

"We just got into a boat and went," said volunteer Julio Rodriguez.

In the air, the Aviation Department had two helicopters and two 1900D aircraft, according to Lott Lawson, Aviation manager. Each had several volunteers on board, scanning

for Smith.

"We had people from the community ... acting as our eyes looking for this guy," Lawson said.

With the help of the U.S. Coast Guard, rescuers were able to plot search patterns, with aircraft flying as far out as 12 miles oceanside based on the speed and direction of the current.

"It was actually a very smooth operation for being out of the blue," noted Police Chief Kevin Dykema.

Meanwhile, Smith just "drifted and swam, drifted and swam," remembering to drop his dive weights early into the ordeal. Eventually, he said, the current released him in the deep channel and he ended up back on the lagoonside of Carlos. USAKA utilities employees on the island had been notified about the missing diver and were sweeping the shoreline when one of the Marshallese workers, Henry Bulele, saw Smith about 500 yards out.

"He spotted me and I got a boost of adrenaline and started swimming in," Smith said. "He got me onto shore."

Exhausted, Smith rested while the man returned with a scooter to drive him to an awaiting helicopter, which had been notified that the diver had apparently been found.

"He looked really tired," said pilot Bob Fore, who was on his second foray of the day in search of Smith when he heard over the radio that the missing diver had apparently been found on Carlos.

Smith had been fighting the ocean for about five hours by then, struggling to reach Carlos.

"That was the only thing that kept me sane was focusing on the island," he said.

USAKA Safety is still investigating the incident, according to Tom Webber, chief, USAKA Command Safety office. He said that it's still too early to say what, if any, procedural changes will be made.

## Editorial

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but we would prefer that you not give us material gifts. If you really want to do something for us, collect money for tuition scholarships for students at the Calvary School on Ebeye. Why this school? There are other schools with better *this* and better *that*, but you will not find a school with a bigger heart — where the administration cares more about their students!

The monthly tuition runs \$35 to \$50 per student. Many students are allowed to attend who cannot pay the tuition. The principal finds other sources for money and donations to supplement those students, as well as maintain the facility. I ask you to help *him* help *those students*. This school truly does more with less ... my favorite mantra! I asked Scarlett Scholte to assist me with this effort and she's happy to do it. Call her at 52482, or write her at PO Box 1180 or *scarlett.scholte@hotmail.com*. Hooah!

## Range operation scheduled for Friday

**From the Command Safety Office**

A range operation is scheduled for Friday, June 7. Caution times are 7:01 p.m. through 4:01 a.m. Saturday, June 8.

In conjunction with this operation, a caution area will exist within Kwajalein Atoll.

Bigej Island, including the inner reef, is specifically excluded and is not a part of the mid-atoll corridor. All mid-atoll corridor islands are designated as sheltered islands. Additional areas specified outside the mid-atoll are designated as caution areas. See maps in last Friday's *Hourglass*.

In order to ensure clearance of non-mission support personnel from the mid-atoll corridor by the window opening time, Kwajalein Police De-

partment island clearance procedures will continue until evacuation has been accomplished. Egress of all air and sea craft will be required when requested by authorized clearance personnel. Subsequent to lagoon clearance, the hazard area will be in effect until mission completion.

In the event of a mission slip, the caution times and areas will be in effect for the following days:

- 7:01 p.m. Saturday, June 8, through 4:01 a.m. Sunday, June 9.
- 7:01 p.m. Sunday, June 9, through 4:01 a.m. Monday, June 10.

Questions regarding the above safety requirements for this mission should be directed to the Command Safety Office, range safety officer, 52477.





The *Prairial* team and the Kwajalein All-Star team meet in the middle of Brandon Field for the French, American and Marshallese national anthems.

# Viva la France



Kwaj All-Star Capt. Jim Stepchew exchanges gifts with *Prairial* diver Yvan Bonnet before the start of the game.



Rachel Corrado, Nicole Dowsett and Robbie Hamill, from left to right, show their support for the French visiting team. Community Activities Manager Simone Smead estimated the crowd at 400.

*Prairial* soccer players Mathieu Lauque, George Leroux and Franck Menet applaud the Kwaj All-Stars before the start of the game. Leroux said the match "was very hard," as the American players were big and tough.



(Photos and layout by Peter Rejcek)



Jonathon Miller, Tavis Wallner and Jonathon Cassel cheer on the *Prairial* team.



Wise Roko of the Kwajalein All-Star team makes a break down the sidelines.



(Photos by KW Hillis)

Burke Vinluan adjusts James Corder's cap before Friday's graduation ceremony. Twenty-five seniors walked across the stage to receive diplomas.



Windy Luis, Labrok Lanej and Jacqueline Butler prepare to enter the MP room for the graduation ceremony.

## Nearly half of graduates started school together in kindergarten ...

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ber what you do, what you say and who you are will affect both your life and the lives of others. Never give up trying to make a difference."

Before stepping into the future with a turn of a graduation hat tassel from the left side to right, the class examined their past via a "Gilligan's Island" class history and an Album of Memories slideshow.

Eleven of the seniors started in kindergarten together, "stranded" on Kwajalein, said Katie DeLong and Anthony Desmarais, taking turns relating the arrivals, departures and memorable events of the class over a 13-year period.

The slideshow highlighted each senior, with baby pictures eliciting "ahh's" or laughter from the audience.

Performances by three talented seniors punctuated the evening. Heather Cornell performed ballet to Enya's "Only Time." On piano, Sean Cummings performed Claude Debussy's "Clair de Lune." Kristy Lamug danced to "Mele A Ku Pu'uwai" by Keali'i Reichel.

Before accepting diplomas, the

class gave leis and hugs to special mentors Atota Matthews, Scarlett Scholte and Cheryl DeLong and senior advisors Barbara Bicanich and Robert Ammann. Leaving the stage, each senior found and thanked his or her parent with leis, hugs and tears.

Each smiling senior then walked barefoot across the stage and accepted a diploma from Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr., USAKA commander. Finally, led by Jacqueline Butler, the seniors performed the official Turning of the Tassels to audience applause and cheers.

A reception hosted by National Honor Society members greeted parents and lei-laden seniors in the MP room. Family and friends hugged and congratulated graduates, while cameras flashed almost continuously.

"This is the fourth graduation we've gone to," said Annette Butler, Jacqueline's mother. "At the first graduation [Jacqueline] said, 'I want to graduate here.'"

Attending their first graduation on Kwaj, senior David Copeland's mother, Cynthia, said, "It's so personal. It's nice that the classes are so small they can personalize it."

### Local scholarships and awards

#### Yokwe Yuk Women's Club:

Academic achievement: Spencer Mawhar

Salutatorian award: Katie DeLong

Community Service award: James Corder

Katie DeLong

#### Kwajalein Community Theater Scholarship:

Clarence Johnson Jr. (\$3,000)

#### Jine Tip Tip Club Scholarship:

Meria Ballong

Jonathan Ching

Abon Jeadrik Jr.

James Corder

Kristylani Lamug

Labrok Lanej

Windy Luis

Burke Vinluan

Academic Achievement: Spencer Mawhar

#### KwajKid Alumni Association Scholarship:

Katie DeLong

James Corder

#### Filipino Civic Club Scholarship:

Clarence Johnson Jr.

Kristylani Lamug

Katie DeLong

#### Student Government Association Scholarship:

Niki Powell (\$900)

Anthony Desmarais (\$900)

#### Women's Auxiliary #44:

Patty Fritz

Heather Cornell

Clarence Johnson Jr.

#### Kwajalein Association of Teachers Award

Jeremy Gideon (\$500)

#### Kwajalein Scuba Club Scholarship:

Heather Cornell (\$500)

#### Raytheon Academic Achievement Awards:

Katie DeLong

Spencer Mawhar



## Classified Ads and Community Notices

## HELP WANTED

*The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Jack Riordan, 54916, unless otherwise noted.*

**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**, Kwajalein Hospital Pharmacy. Full time. Looking for an experienced pharmacy tech to assist with filling medical prescriptions and doses as directed by a physician. Duties include maintaining patient medication profile records in computer database and monitoring drug and supply inventories. Must possess strong communication, customer service and organizational skills. Computer literacy required.

**GYM ATTENDANT**, Ivey Gym. Casual. Duties include assisting gym patrons in the use of free weights, Hammer Strength equipment, treadmills and Stairmasters; monitoring sign-in/sign-out logs; safety spotting; and maintaining the facility for cleanliness. Individual will be trained in first aid. An interest in fitness training and knowledge of equipment helpful.

**RECREATION COORDINATOR**, Community Activities Dept. Full time. Responsible for managing pools and beaches and the skate park. Duties include scheduling lifeguards and attendants, facility maintenance, lifeguard training, swimming lessons, coordinating activities and assisting with leagues and other sporting events. LGI and WSI Red Cross certification required. Administrative, organizational and customer service skills required for effective interface with customers and the community. A criminal history background check is required.

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**, Dental Clinic. Casual. Responsibilities include preparing and filling impression materials; cleaning and sterilizing equipment between appointments; exposing, developing and preparing X-rays for review; preparing patient files and recording procedures; as well as other clerical duties. Selected individual will be required to undergo a criminal history background check.

*Raytheon off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**, Aeromet. Temporary full time. Seeking individual to provide administrative support for RTS Weather Station personnel through July 27. Must have good verbal skills and be familiar with Microsoft Office 2000. An excellent chance to build a resumé. Call Annette or Mark, 51508.

**SECRETARY**, MIT/LL. Temporary June to mid-August. Seeking an individual with administrative office skills. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word. PowerPoint and possess basic computer skills. Duties include secretarial/administrative and travel responsibilities. Submit resumé to D. Woods, MIT/LL, P.O. Box 58, Local; fax at 55107 or call 55101.

*USAKA currently has the following job vacancies. For application information and announcement paperwork, call Cris Foster, 54417.*

**VISUAL INFORMATION SPECIALIST**, GS-11. Closes June 7.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPECIALIST**, GS-12. Closes June 17.

**MAIL CLERK**, Post Office, GS-05 (two vacancies). Temporary one year. Early close June 28. Final

closeout Aug. 7.

**GENERAL SAFETY ENGINEER**, GS-13. Closes June 7.

## LOST

**SILVER WATCH** in water ski area. \$200 reward. Call 58121.

## FOUND

**WATCH** at the adult pool May 28. Call 52300.

## GIVEAWAY

**FREE-STANDING hammock frame** at Qtrs. 224-B. Remove before taken away as scrap.

## FOR SALE

**TWO 120-cubic-foot high-pressure scuba tanks** with DIN valves and tank bras, \$500 or best offer. Contact Greg at 56752 anytime; leave a message.

**IBM 20-INCH color monitor** (plug-n-play), \$150. Call 52423.

**ENTERTAINMENT CENTER**, \$150; computer desk, \$150; large oak bookcase, \$90; large television, \$250; two metal storage racks, \$10-\$15; plants, \$5-\$50; three large pink plumeria, \$30-\$50; night blooming cereus, \$30; lipstick tree, \$25; asparagus fern, \$10; hibiscus, white, peach, red lace, \$15; palm, \$20; large ixoria, \$35. Call 51375.

**YAMAHA 9.9hp four-stroke longshaft outboard**, runs great, \$1,500; 12' x 12' screen tent, on display at Tr. 721, \$40; 8' Boston whaler dinghy, needs fiberglass work, \$150. Call Mike or Trudy, 52245.

**VERTICAL BLINDS** for sliding glass door, \$30; shelves for kitchen closet in new housing, \$20. Call 51494.

**16' HOBIE CAT** with life jackets, extra accessories and boat shack, good condition, \$1,600 or best offer. Call 58609, and leave a message.

**32" SONY TV**, \$400; Corwin Vega speakers, 250 watts, \$175. Call 54520.

**TANDEM BIKE**, \$125; men's bike, \$30; front and back patio green carpet, \$250; grill, \$25; compact float, \$10; rugs, \$5-\$10; Gemeinhardt flute, \$225; Yamaha alto saxophone, \$675; four-wheeler bike, \$275. Call 51013W.

**FISHING POLES** with reels, \$5 each; rollerblades with safety pads included, \$10; 20 plants for \$100; Cannondale fiberglass cart, \$50. Call 51494.

**PCS SALE**. RCA 25" color TV, \$100; Hoover carpet steam cleaner, \$50; seven sections of reed fencing, \$25; Little Tykes toy kitchen-oven-sink and refrigerator, \$10 each or \$15 for both; two wooden shoe cubbies and storage cabinets, \$10 each; oscillating fan, \$10; blender, \$5; waffle iron, \$5; portable toddler crib, \$10; toy cotton candy machine, \$10. Call 58225W or 54322H.

**TWO GLASS-front storage cabinets**; full-length float glass mirror; nylon backpack; four-shelf bookcase; two VCRs; 27" TV with stand; entertainment center; four dining room chairs with padded backs and seats, with casters; ironing board; one large and one small computer desk; vacuum. Call 53725.

**LITTLE GIRL'S clothes**, sizes 5-6, men's polo shirts, sizes L-XL. Call 52379.

**PCS SALE**. 400-series blinds, \$5 each; full-length mirror and hardware, \$5; plants, \$2-\$20. Call 51424.

**COMPUTER DESK**, great for BQ room, \$60; microwave, \$25; 10-speed Schwinn bike, Rustman-ready, \$200;

**Marshallese Shopping Day is Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., at Macy's, Macy's West and Gimbel's. All of our Marshallese friends and neighbors are invited. Children under 18 will not be permitted on island for the purpose of shopping at retail facilities.**

large soft-sided cooler, \$7; step aerobics step and video, \$10; 9' x 12' beige area rug, \$15; hose and hose reel, \$15; Kwaj clock, shows Kwaj time and CONUS home time, \$30. Call 52793.

**GATEWAY COMPUTER**, PI-120, 15" monitor, all software and additional hardware, 28.8 modem, great e-mail machine or starter computer for a child, \$100; HP Deskjet 680c color printer, \$25; plants, see at Qtrs. 125-E. Call 53670.

**WHITE CRIB**, no mattress, excellent condition, \$80; four bikes in various condition, \$2-\$20; outdoor play kitchen, \$2. Call 53624.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**PCS PARTY** for Scott VanSwearingen, Eric Kovats and Greg Howson is Sunday at the Parrot Head on Roi. Come any time after 1 p.m. to hang out and swim. Grilling begins at 6 p.m. For more info, contact Scott, Eric or Greg. Everyone is welcome.

**JUNE IS** the month to think of the good men who have influenced our lives. To celebrate Father's Day, Grace Sherwood Library will hold a drawing. For the first three weeks of this month, anyone who checks out library material may fill out a slip for themselves or their favorite guy to be eligible for a library treat.

**SMALL BOAT Marina** has implemented a \$20 late fee for boats not at the marina by the end of the rental time slot. Questions? Call 53643.

**FAMILY POOL** and Emon Beach summer hours begin June 11. Lifeguard hours at Emon Beach: Tuesday-Saturday, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday and Monday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; lifeguard hours at family pool, Monday-Friday, noon-6 p.m., Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Adult pool lap swimming will be in effect until June 22. Questions? Call 52848.

**TICKETS ARE** still available for the colonel's "last hurrah," June 15. This is a surprisingly fun, yet formal evening to celebrate the Army's 227th birthday. The ho-hum beef filet and chicken menu is replaced by "Colonel's Cuisine." Expect the unexpected. Tickets are \$17 per person. RSVP to Debra Oglesby, 51416, or e-mail [debra.oglesby@usaka.smdc.army.mil](mailto:debra.oglesby@usaka.smdc.army.mil).

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION** about the reclaimed water system. The reclaimed water system exceeded a turbidity standard. The Kwajalein Island reclaimed, or non-potable, water system recently exceeded a turbidity standard. Although this situation does not require you to take any precautions, public notification is required under these circumstances. The USAKA Environmental Standards requires that water,

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# Quizzo Night

Who wants  
to be.....  
a quizzo  
winner?



**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.,  
at the Yuk Club!**

both entering and within the reclaimed water distribution system, not exceed 2.0 NTUs (a measure of the amount of suspended material in the water) for a rolling seven-day average and that the turbidity does not exceed 5.0 NTUs for more than 1.2 hours per day. As of Wednesday, May 29, the system has exceeded these levels based on sampling done at the entry point of the system. As a precaution, samples will be collected and analyzed for coliform bacteria on a daily basis until the turbidity falls below the compliance level. Samples taken thus far have been negative for the presence of bacteria. In the future, additional filters will be installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to help decrease the turbidity of reclaimed water. If the current problem persists, the system may be switched temporarily to another source of water such as groundwater or saltwater until the problem can be resolved. Currently, no health-based restrictions on the normal use of reclaimed water such as irrigation and vehicle washing, are necessary. If you have any questions concerning the reclaimed water system, call the Utilities Department, 51847, or the Environmental Dept., 51134.

ORTHODONTIST will be on island June 18-19. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m.

BOWLING LOCKER fees are due for July-December. The \$12 fee is payable at the Community Activities office Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., at the Bowling Center or by mailing a check to Community Activities, P.O. Box 23, Local. Payment is due by July 5. A \$5 late fee will be assessed against late payments. Accounts not settled by July 30 will result in lockers being emptied and contents being donated to Bargain Bazaar. Questions? Call 53331.

GOLF COURSE greens fees and locker rentals are now due for July-December. The \$168 fee is payable at the Community Activities office Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., at the golf course Pro Shop or by mailing a check to Community Activities, P.O. Box 23, Local. Payment is due by July 5. An additional \$15 will be assessed against late payments. Accounts not settled by July 30 will result in lockers being emptied and contents donated to the Bargain Bazaar. Questions? Call 53331.

BOATING ORIENTATION course will be June 5 and June 6 or 7, depending on the mission, 6-8 p.m., in CAC Room 1. Register at Small Boat Marina. Fee is \$20. Questions? Call 53643.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION about your drinking water. Tests showed coliform bacteria in the Roi-Namur water system. The Roi-Namur water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, you have the right to know what happened and what was done to remedy the situation. Drinking water is routinely monitored for contaminants. At Roi-Namur, six samples per week or 24 samples per month are taken to test for coliform bacteria, and two samples this month showed the presence of the bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month is allowed to do so. You do not need to boil your water or take any corrective action. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their doctor. Guidelines to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791. This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are naturally

## Yokwe Yuk Club Lounge

**Friday**

**DJ Chris Eskew**  
plays  
the hottest  
music.

**Sunday**

**DJ Chris Eskew**  
and  
"The Zooks,"  
starting at  
8:30 p.m.

present in the environment and are generally not harmful, but are used as an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present in the treatment or distribution system (pipes). No bacteria such as fecal coliform or E. coli were present. Subsequent testing has shown the problem is resolved. We are raising the chlorine level of the drinking water, flushing selected portions of the distribution system and increasing the frequency of the coliform testing to twice per week for three weeks. If no more positive samples are found, we will return to normal levels of chlorine and sampling. Questions? Call Stan, 51847.

WHEN YOU reserve a pavilion, you are responsible for cleaning the area when your event is completed. Remove any staples placed in the wood. Questions? Call Community Activities, 53331.

FAMILY POOL will have its last before-summer open pre-school swim Friday, June 7, 9-10 a.m. Questions? Call Kristin, 52847.

IF YOU have borrowed tables or chairs from the CRC, return them in the morning as this is an extremely busy time of year. Questions? Call Cassie, 52491.

DUE TO adult pool maintenance, the family pool will be open for lap swimming Tuesdays-Fridays, 5:30-8 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Sundays and Mondays, 7:30 a.m.-noon.

BOAT CAPTAINS: You are responsible for the safety of your passengers and the safe and undamaged return of all Small Boat Marina equipment. In accordance with USAKA Reg. 385-9 section 4-c, watercraft operators are expected to be designated drivers and are not to be under the influence of alcohol during operation of watercraft. Keep Kwajalein waters safe and Small Boat Marina boats undamaged.

PRIVATE BOAT owners: Safety gear has arrived at Macy's West. Flares, air horns, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, life jackets, paddles, VHF radios and ladders. Check with the Small Boat Marina if you were missing anything in this year's boat safety inspection. Questions? Call 53643.

## Marshallese Word of the Day

Na = I or me.

### See you at the movies!

#### Friday

##### The Little Mermaid (1989, G)

This Disney animated film is loosely based on the Hans Christian Anderson story about a young mermaid named Ariel who longs to be human. It won Oscars for Best Original Score and Song. (82 minutes)  
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday

##### Love Affair (1994, PG-13)

Remake of the 1939 version, with Warren Beatty as an ex-jock-turned-sportscaster and ladies man who chances to meet the love of his life on an eventful plane ride. (Annette Bening, Katharine Hepburn) (87 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

##### Pulp Fiction (1994, R)

Samuel L. Jackson and John Travolta lead an all-star cast as a pair of philosophical hitmen in this violent, postmodern film about honor and dishonor among thieves and lowlifes. (Uma Thurman, Bruce Willis, Harvey Keitel) (154 minutes)  
Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

#### Sunday

##### The Little Mermaid (1989, G)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

##### Pulp Fiction (1994, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 9:30 p.m.

##### Love Affair (1994, PG-13)

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

#### Monday

##### Pulp Fiction (1994, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

## French ship armed for all occasions

By Peter Rejcek

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The guided missile frigate *Prairial* is armed for battle, but for the last three months she's been on a peaceful tour of the Indo-Pacific region showing the French colors.

The ship arrived Thursday morning and stayed through Saturday morning. A soccer match Thursday night and public tour Friday afternoon highlighted the visit.

At sea since March 5, the *Prairial* has visited Australia, Singapore, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam. It was also at East Timor when that nation officially declared its independence last month, according to Nils Hansma, officer in charge, during a tour of the 307-



(Photos by Peter Rejcek)

**Kwaj kids explore a weapons station on the French ship *Prairial* Friday afternoon during a tour.**



A *Prairial* sailor stands at attention.

foot-long surveillance frigate.

After a visit to Majuro, the *Prairial* will return to its home port of Papeete, Tahiti in French Polynesia.

"It's very long. It's three months at a time," Hansma said of the recent deployment, the second of two the ship does every year. At the end of the year, the crew will return to France and a new group will be assigned to the *Prairial*.

While she is a ship of war — replete with a Panther AS 565 helicopter piloted by the ship's only female officer — the *Prairial* is built with "civilian" comforts in mind, Hansma said.

The ship also participates in joint training exercises and missions, he added, especially with the United States.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

**Tonight:** Cloudy with scattered showers.

**Winds:** Northeast at 10 to 16 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

**Tomorrow:** Cloudy with scattered showers.

**Winds:** East-northeast at 8 to 15 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

**Temperature:** Tonight's low 78°  
Tomorrow's high 88°

**June rain total:** 1.77"

**Annual rain total:** 31.51"

**Annual deviation:** 1.13"

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## Sun • Moon • Tides



|                     | Sunrise/set | Moonrise/set | High Tide                | Low Tide                 |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tuesday<br>June 4   | 0629/1905   | 0136/1345    | 1120, 3.8'               | 0510, 2.6'<br>1810, 1.9' |
| Wednesday<br>June 5 | 0629/1906   | 0213/1429    | 0050, 3.8'<br>1240, 3.9' | 0640, 2.4'<br>1900, 1.8' |
| Thursday<br>June 6  | 0629/1906   | 0250/1512    | 0130, 4.1'<br>1330, 4.1' | 0740, 2.1'<br>1940, 1.5' |
| Friday<br>June 7    | 0629/1906   | 0328/1557    | 0210, 4.5'<br>1410, 4.2' | 0820, 1.7'<br>2020, 1.3' |